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U. S. Game Agents Arrest
Their Own Kin--It's Proved

United States game management agents have a reputation for enforcing the law without respect to person, but living up to that name recently caused Agent John E. Perry of Nashville, Tennessee, to confiscate his own shotgun when abandoned by a hunter later identified as a cousin of the agent's wife.

The story is told in a report received today from the Bureau of Biological Survey by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Two State wardens who were patrolling dove-shooting areas with Perry found three men hunting without a license but released them on their statement that they were sons of the landowner. The wardens reported the incident, with their doubts, to Perry, who decided to make a check at the landowner's home. One of the hunters fled, leaving his gun in a near-by hay mow. Perry confiscated the gun.

Later that evening the violator returned and was apprehended by the agent, who was still waiting for him.

"I recognized him immediately," Perry reported to the Biological Survey, "as being a cousin of my wife and living with my mother-in-law next door to me in Nashville, and he had my shotgun that had been loaned him by some of the family."

In court, where Perry reports he himself was "burned down and embarrassed," the violator was fined \$10 and costs of \$4.50. The fine and costs were paid by the landowner, with whose daughter the violator was keeping company.

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